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Mr. Leslie J. Lee Rankin
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Dear Lee:

Upon my return to the office I advised Marguerite Oswald of our conversation, and then I talked with J. P. Hobby, Jr., executive vice president and executive editor of the Houston Post, pursuant to the purpose of [illegible] with him the obtaining of an affidavit from Loraine Hudkins, or in the alternative having her appear before the Commission in line with our discussion. Hobby informs me that Hudkins left the employ of the Houston Post over a month ago. He does not know where he is now employed; in fact he does not even know whether he is in Houston. He has offered, however, to locate him if you so desire.

Following my conversation with him I turned to my file to reread the story in question. Inasmuch as you have the testimony of the FBI agents as well as that of Marguerite Oswald, I am wondering if it is really worth your effort to follow up on Hudkins.

Hudkins' story does not say that Oswald was an informant. He simply opined the question based on the speculation of others, including that of [illegible] Alexander, assistant to Henry Wade, who believed that Oswald had [illegible] by his telephone and car license numbers, and on Mrs. Paine's statements as to the interviews the agents had with her.

I should also add that Bill Hobby volunteered to carry a story in the Houston Post to the effect that Oswald was not on the employ of any federal governmental agency if the testimony by competent federal authorities to the Commission so showed. Inasmuch as this would involve the checking of testimony given before the Commission, I doubt that you would want to avail yourself of his

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offer. I did not undertake to discuss this offer with him, simply stating that I would convey it to you.

Please let me know whether you want to pursue the matter further; and if so, I shall be glad to follow whatever course you suggest.

With every good wish and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Original Signed By
Leon Jaworski

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Enclosure

P.S. Not knowing whether you have a complete copy available, I am sending you Xerox copy of the Hudkins' article which appeared in the Houston Post on Wednesday, January 1, 1964.

L.J.